

Assad arriving in Cairo for talks

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syrian President Hafez Assad arrives in Cairo tomorrow for talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on strategic, diplomatic and military cooperation. Their last meetings were at the recent Riyadh and Cairo summit conferences where they patched up their two-year-old feud.

The Syrian leader has just ended a three-day visit to Amman during which Jordan and Syria moved closer to eventual federal union. Observers expected the Syrian and Egyptian leaders to focus on the projected reconvening of the Geneva Middle East conference while emphasizing their military coordination in an apparent attempt to build up pressure for an overall settlement to the Israel-Arab conflict — on Arab terms.

One of the central issues in the Cairo talks will be the status of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Assad and King Hussein tended to play down within the context of the Arab front confronting Israel. Sadat, however, has no far held that the PLO should be maintained in the forefront with the aim of claiming the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Unlike Sadat, Assad is said to be less than enthusiastic over PLO plans to set up a Palestinian government-in-exile in Cairo next month. Assad reportedly holds that such a move might undermine Jordan's "legal and international standing," especially vis-a-vis the West Bank under UN resolutions 242 and 338, both of which govern efforts for a Middle East settlement.

The Sadat-Assad policy coordination on the Middle East coincides with growing Egyptian cooperation with Saudi Arabia and Sudan over what was being described as laying the groundwork for an overall Arab strategy on the various fronts, including the Red Sea.

A Kuwaiti newspaper, "al-Anba," yesterday claimed that Saudi Arabia has alerted its armed forces following alleged Israeli violations of North Yemen's air space over the Bab el-Mandeb Straits at the southern tip of the Red Sea. For its part, North Yemen's President Ibrahim al-Hamdi last night sent a special envoy to King Hussein. Jordan has been playing a key role in providing military know-how to almost every state in the Arabian peninsula. Jordan's military academies are currently training army officers from various Arab countries, including Syria.

16 murder suspects fight police in court

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Police resorted to tear-gas, clubs and fists yesterday at the end of an unsuccessful six-hour effort to get 16 murder suspects to stop battling them long enough to be charged in the District Court here.

The 16 — all already serving sentences for various minor crimes — are accused of having carried out a kangaroo-court "death sentence" against fellow prisoner Yefet Nagar at the Shatta Prison on June 27.

The group — the largest ever charged in Israel for a single murder — left the courthouse yesterday shouting, "We won the first round" after the judges decided to postpone the trial.

Nagar, who had turned state's witness in a drug trial, was killed by three masked men who entered his cell armed with iron bars and knives while other prisoners staged a fight in the prison's dining hall.

The prosecution claims the 16 had formed an underworld court which conducted a reign of terror at Shatta and aimed at punishing or eliminating prisoners who had turned state's evidence.

The alleged ringleader was Sami Elkayam, who subsequently escaped from the nearby Beit She'an lock-up and was recaptured as he tried to smuggle himself aboard a ship at Ashdod.

After questioning 350 Shatta prisoners, police prepared what was described yesterday as "the longest charge sheet in the history of the Israel Police." A police source said it was decided to try all 16 suspects together to assure the testimony of one state's witness, whose identity is being kept secret.

Were this witness forced to testify in 16 separate trials, a police officer told The Jerusalem Post, he would inevitably make small errors through weariness of repetition and the defence could pick the whole case apart.

The 16 inmates were brought to Nazareth before 8 a.m. yesterday morning in a convoy of four police vans guarded by a mixed force of Border and civilian policemen. The court area was sealed off by armed Border Policemen, and only journalists were allowed to enter.

When the 16, handcuffed and wearing leg-chains, arrived, they refused to get out of the vans and enter the courtroom. They complained that the police had presented the court with the results of only 50 of the 350 interrogations made, and demanded that the entire protocol of the investigation be presented.

They also accused the prison authorities of not allowing them to meet together in order to prepare a combined defence, and of employing

home after 4 with Brezhnev

East Affairs Correspondent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem. — President Anwar Sadat left for Moscow last night after a reported, "crowned" visit to the Soviet Union.

He conferred no less than with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, who had summoned him to Moscow on several occasions in the past. This was Sadat's first visit to the Soviet Union since he became president of Egypt in 1970.

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U.S. view Over U.S., Israel opposition

WASHINGTON. — The possibility that the Palestine Liberation Organization might form a government-in-exile is regarded by American officials as "serious." But the Americans insist that it is by no means certain that the split within the PLO over this issue will be resolved soon.

The New York Times reported yesterday that the PLO leadership is considering the formation of a government-in-exile before the start of the expected Geneva Middle East conference.

"The immediate purpose of such a step would be to make it easier for the Soviet Union and the United States to invite the Palestinians to participate in the conference," the report said, quoting Palestinian sources in Cairo.

U.S. officials said yesterday that Egypt has been urging the PLO for several years to form a government-in-exile. But the PLO leadership has refused to do so because it might then come under pressure to recognize Israel's existence.

But with the weakening of the PLO in Lebanon, Egyptian and other Arab and East European pressure is being brought to bear on PLO leader Yasser Arafat and other PLO officials to go ahead with such a government, which would then be invited to attend the Geneva conference.

According to the "Times" report, President Tito of Yugoslavia and President Nicolas Ceausescu of Rumania urged the formation of a PLO government-in-exile on Arafat during his visits to Belgrade and Bucharest earlier this week.

Until now, the PLO has refused to establish such a government because, under international law, it would have to define its territorial borders. If the PLO included all of present-day Israel as being part of Palestine, most countries, probably including the Soviet Union and its allies, would have a difficult time recognizing it.

On the other hand, if only the West Bank and Gaza Strip were included in the proposed Palestinian state, rejection from members of the PLO would oppose the plan, seriously splitting the organization.

American sources said that the PLO was believed now to be considering a formula whereby this dilemma might be resolved by not including any borders for its proposed state.

PLO leaders have said if a government-in-exile were to be formed, its seat would be in Cairo, which was also the headquarters of the Arab League.

UN urges March date for M.E. Geneva talks

UNITED NATIONS. — The UN General Assembly called yesterday for an "early resumption" of Middle East settlement talks at Geneva with the Palestine Liberation Organization taking part.

Over U.S. and Israel opposition, the Assembly adopted two resolutions — one asserting the necessity of resuming the M.E. talks with Palestinian participation, the other calling on the participants to meet in Geneva by the end of next March.

Israel earlier withdrew its own resolution calling for the conference to be reconvened after a group of pro-Arab states introduced amendments adding the PLO to the list of original participants — Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria.

"How many times does this Assembly have to be told that the PLO's policy is diametrically opposed to any move towards peace with Israel," Ambassador Chaim Herzog told the Assembly. Herzog said Israel's purpose had been achieved by having made it clear that the measure asked that he report the results of his contacts to the Security Council by March 1 1977 in accordance with the original invitations issued by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

U.S. Ambassador William Scranton explained that, with a new administration taking office in Washington next month, "we do not consider it appropriate to join now in a definition of detailed options or time limits" for negotiations.

The resolution calling for PLO participation in the talks was adopted by a vote of 91 to 11 with 29 abstentions. Canada, West Germany, Iceland, New Zealand and Norway were among those opposed.

The other resolution, adopted by a vote of 123 to 2 with 8 abstentions, didn't specify that the PLO join the conference with participants invited in 1973 — Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria.

But it strongly implied as much by asking Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to resume contacts with parties he committed in preparing a report of his Middle East initiative of last April. These parties included the PLO.

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Decision on Israel aid after Dr. K returns

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ford is awaiting Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's return to Washington before reaching a final decision on the amount of aid for Israel the outgoing administration should include in the 1978 foreign aid bill.

Informed sources here said that Kissinger, who returns tomorrow, is recommending that the administration submit to Congress the same amount of aid to Israel in the 1978 package, approximately \$1.5 billion in military assistance and \$700 million in economic aid. Israel is requesting that \$2.3 billion be provided in combined economic and military aid.

The Office of Management and Budget in the White House, headed by Director James Lynn, however, is recommending that between \$1.5 billion and \$1.6 billion be included in the bill, which must be presented to Congress before President-elect Jimmy Carter takes office on January 20.

The Office of Management and Budget is said to believe that the \$700 million in transition quarter assistance allocated to Israel this past year was not really necessary, thrust upon the administration by a pro-Israel Congress. Therefore, Israel can afford to take \$700 million in assistance than is being recommended by the State Department.

But Israel rejects this contention, arguing that even the \$700 million during the transition quarter was only half of what Israel had requested.

No one here really believes the outgoing administration will recommend that more than \$1.5 billion be included for Israel in the aid bill. But Israeli officials are pressing the Americans not to reduce it below that sum.

American officials, in explaining why the \$2.3 billion Israel aid request is larger than necessary, are pointing to the approximately 15 per cent increase in Israel exports during the current year.

Rubinstein's money-go-round

By GIDION ESHET

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Building contractor Aharon Rubinstein owned three companies in Panama and Vaduz through which he bought shares in Israel Corporation B. This was discovered by investigators checking suspicions of tax evasion. Rubinstein is Chairman of the Board of Israel Corporation B (The International Corporation for the Development of Israel — ICODI).

The files of the Registrar of Companies show that "David Finance," registered in Panama, and "Attiron" and "Glimcap" registered in Vaduz, hold shares in Israel Corporation B. Rubinstein and two of his sons, owners of one of the most important Tel Aviv building firms, were last Friday arrested on bail on suspicion of tax evasion.

Investigators now suspect Rubinstein of the following sophisticated manipulations to circumvent foreign currency controls and company taxes:

Capital earned in Israel was smuggled abroad and transferred to the three foreign registered companies. Documents found among the possessions of financier William Rubinstein, who committed suicide in Tel Aviv last year, and testimony supplied by his son Michael show that

these companies were in fact owned by Rubinstein.

The three companies were then used to channel money into Israel Corporation B, enjoying in this way a 30-year exemption from income tax which the corporation has been granted through special legislation.

Thus by illegally transferring money abroad, and bringing it back into Israel, Rubinstein was able to spend his local earnings without paying income tax.

The transaction also violated company law which prohibits a board member from secretly holding shares in the company.

Tax investigators have so far kept secret the fact that their evidence in the Rubinstein case, including the number of an account he held in Robinson's Swiss bank, was connected with Robinson's death and the failure of the bank.

But it is known that one piece of evidence discovered in this way was Rubinstein's Swiss bank account number 11205 — which is also the date of his birth 1.12.1905.

Asked to comment on the implications of these facts on the Israel Corporation B, in which the corporation holds \$2.1 million shares, Treasury officials claimed that nothing much could be done.

Mordechai Berger, Director of the Government Corporations Authority, told The Jerusalem Post that the Authority exercises hardly any supervision over the Israel Corporation which is not a Government-controlled company. He complained that the government bodies which are investigating the case against Rubinstein have not informed him of their findings.

Dov Kanterowitz, Controller of Foreign Exchange, told The Post that the investigation is in the hands of the police. He would not

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Outlook for Shabbat: Partly cloudy.

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	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Jerusalem	57/40	10-14	13
Golan	50/30	8-12	11
Nablus	57/37	14-15	12
Safed	59/39	8-11	10
Haifa Port	60/40	17-20	19
Tiberias	70/40	14-21	20
Nazareth	70/40	12-16	15
Afula	65/45	12-19	19
Shomron	71/40	10-16	14
Tel Aviv	67/47	14-20	20
B-C Airport	66/46	12-20	21
Jericho	55/35	12-18	21
Gaza	65/45	12-20	19
Beer Sheva	49/30	8-19	19
Elat	40/20	12-20	20
Tiran Straits	45/25	12-24	22

Social and Personal

Trees in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem will be planted on Sunday, 11 a.m., to honour the late Stanislaw and Maria Jaskolska of Poland; the late Bronislaw Gutauskas of Lithuania (Germany); and Ijudevit and Nitra Kacir of Czechoslovakia. The tree honouring the Jaskolskis will be planted by their daughter Aneta Aniak, who now lives in France. All those honoured aided Jews during World War II at great risk to their own lives.

Former Prime Minister Golda Meir will speak at the Haifa Engineers Forum at 1 p.m. today.

Dr. Vassilios Tsferis of the Department of Antiquities will deliver the first of the seventh lecture series on "Archaeological Sites, Their Problems and Suggested Solutions," sponsored by the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology and the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, Sunday, December 12, at 3 p.m.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Hechal Shalom in Jerusalem at 8 p.m. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. Hyman Rottenberg and Mr. Benjamin Avt-Leah, of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of zimrot. A Melave Malka programme will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8:00 p.m. with Mr. Shmuel Moyal, of the Foreign Ministry as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Leander will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8:30 tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 88 Rehov Ezer Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Alex Levine, distinguished settler from South Africa.

The traditional Hanukkah-Bazaar in aid of the Solidaritätswerk will take place on Monday, December 13, at the Parents' Home in Ramat Chen, 185 Rehov Aluf David. Sale begins at 4 p.m. and all friends are invited.

THE FIRST COURSE in the country for training coordinators to organize volunteers opened on Tuesday in Bar Ilan University. Some 35 representatives of volunteer organizations and social services will attend 28 weekly lectures at the School of Social Work. The aim is to widen their knowledge and skills so as to make them more effective.

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved

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will take place at 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, at the old cemetery, Haifa.

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Prime Minister Rabin chats with troops at the northern border.

(Sa'ar - Government Press Office)

RABIN IN NORTH

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, acting as Defence Minister in Shimon Peres' absence, yesterday toured the northern frontier accompanied by Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur, O/C Northern Command, Aluf Rafael Eytan and other senior officers.

Rabin visited army units and observed Lebanese territory from IDF posts. Traffic was stopped at the "Good Fence" infirmaries and the press was banned from the area

during the visit. Lebanese workers, including some of those who work at the infirmaries, were told to leave the area, and even the Lebanese nurse working at the Metulla infirmary was sent home.

But Rabin did not visit the Metulla infirmary and stayed with a nearby IDF unit. However, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel visited the Dovvev infirmary.

Sharon: Peace by stages, talk to PLO and encourage Sadat

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Ariel Sharon, founder of the new Shlomzion political movement, came out yesterday in favour of settlement-by-stages with the Arabs, eventual return of most of the areas taken by Israel during the Six Day War, and encouraging Egyptian President Sadat's statement on his desire for peace.

Sharon told a press conference here he would like to see a peace agreement signed in the first stage, defining the process for development of peace with Israel's neighbours. The agreement would also draw the final borders, but Israel would not retreat to them until the final stage.

Israel would withdraw from most of Sinai except for areas vital for its security, such as Sharm el-Sheikh. It would recognize Egyptian sovereignty over Sharm, but hold it "on lease" until the final stage — that of "no danger of war" — is achieved. Similarly, Israel would maintain military control over Judea and Samaria "to avoid

hostile activities," but a Jordanian-Palestinian state can exist on both sides of the Jordan River, exercising political control.

Sharon advocated negotiations in Geneva with a unified Arab group, contrary to the Government's position. "The Arabs must realize that one Arab delegation means a consensus toward an overall peace agreement." Unless Israel negotiates with one Arab delegation it will give up its cards one-by-one "in a salami process." He added that he was not averse to talking with the PLO: "It does not matter with whom you talk, but what you talk about."

Former Yitzhak Rabin, the reserves general said, erred in rejecting Sadat's declarations that he was ready for peace. "We must encourage his (Sadat's) moderate tone and views, and stress them in all our news media, especially on the Arabic radio and television programmes, so that all the neighbouring countries will hear what he has to say," Sharon declared.

Yariv: New war likely by '78

BOSTON. — Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv, former chief of military intelligence, believes "that Middle East peace efforts will break down in 1977 with the strong likelihood that another Arab-Israeli war will follow late next year or in 1978. Yariv made the pessimistic assessment in a "Christian Science Monitor" interview published here yesterday.

Yariv is convinced that peace talks are doomed because Israel cannot accept the terms advanced in the current Arab peace offensive without fatally compromising its security. Israel must reject a Palestinian Arab state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and it cannot rely on international guarantees in return for its withdrawal from the occupied territories, he told the paper. He said that such a settlement would greatly diminish Israel's ability to survive a future war.

Rubinstein

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disclose if he had granted Rubinstein permission to invest in the foreign companies.

It was learned yesterday the Israel corporation Board of Directors is to meet on December 24. However, its chairmen's transactions are not on the agenda.

There are threefold benefits to setting up a company in Vaduz (capital of Liechtenstein):

- No income tax is levied, only a small annual registration fee;
- No financial statements are required;
- Complete anonymity is assured, by law, to the company's shareholders.

Vaduz's company laws, in these respects, are much like Swiss banking laws.

The only limitations on these benefits provide that if one commits a financial crime connected with the company — that is, defined in Vaduz as a crime — the courts there may lift the secrecy and force disclosure of the shareholders and yielding of the company's documents.

This precisely is what happened in one previous case involving an Israeli banker charged with theft of the bank clients' money.

While there is no way of knowing how many Israelis or Israeli firms have Vaduz connections, the Foreign Exchange Control and the Investment authorities can provide an idea of Vaduz companies which invest in Israel. This, some police officials believe, may provide a starting point, as Israeli "black money" being smuggled out may be thus reinvested in Israel under Vaduz companies' names.

It should be noted that not only Vaduz provides convenient conditions for setting up such companies — Panama, the Bahamas and even such places as the Cymon Islands have been known to have such companies registered.

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Socialist leaders to attend Labour convention here

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Prime Minister of Portugal, the Chancellor of Austria and the president of the Socialist International will come to Israel in February for the Labour Party's convention.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told his party's Executive Bureau here he had extended invitations to all heads of Socialist parties when he met them at the recent Socialist International conference in Geneva. Portugal's Prime Minister Mario Soares, Austria's Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and the International's president (and former West German Chancellor) Willy Brandt accepted the invitation, Rabin said.

Portugal and Israel do not maintain diplomatic relations.

IL 850,000 in bonds missing at Bank Leumi

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — IL850,000 worth of bonds have been reported missing from the main Bank Leumi branch in Rehov Herzl here, it was learned yesterday.

The police were notified on Wednesday, but it still has not yet been determined whether the bonds have been somehow mislaid or were stolen. As the bonds are marked "bearer," they can be traded freely without any traces being left of who held them.

The loss was discovered on Tuesday, when a clerk began adding the value of a group of bonds and discovered that the sum didn't match the amount specified in her tally sheet.

It was one of two unfortunate incidents for Bank Leumi this past week. On Wednesday a female worker was robbed of IL70,000 she was carrying in an attaché case as she left a Tel Aviv Leumi building. Rehov Alenby here. The man who approached her, snatched the attaché case and ran off has not yet been apprehended.

Hebron merchants end tax strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HEBRON. — The four-day business strike against the institution of Value Added Tax in the West Bank is due to be ended here this morning at the request of the city fathers, The Jerusalem Post learned last night.

Although other West Bank merchants did not join the strike, many in Nablus did shut down again, as students demonstrated and threw rocks. But instead of soldiers, it was parents of the students and other adults who attempted to restore calm to the town, and in some cases went personally to take down barricades which the students had put up.

West Bank officials see Jordan Minister

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jordan's Minister of Information, Adnan Abu Odeh, yesterday conferred with municipal representatives of four West Bank towns — Bir Zeit, Anabta, Kalkilya and Toul-Karm. He is in charge of "occupied land."

West Bank municipal officials have been flocking to Amman for development aid from Jordan whose fiscal budget begins next month. Such aid has been promised already to Hebron and Bethlehem.

Bid to keep them away from Jewish symposium U.S. Jews denied Soviet entry visas

By SARAH HONG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several prominent American Jews invited to take part in the Moscow symposium on Jewish culture have been denied entry visas to the USSR. Denmark's chief rabbi was told that he would not be able to come because all hotels in the Soviet capital are fully booked up just on the days for which the gathering has been scheduled.

The Soviets do not want any foreigners present in case they decide to prevent the opening of the three-day symposium on December 21 by a show of force. Hence, a number of prominent American Jews, including Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, have already been told that they cannot enter the USSR.

In the case of Denmark's chief rabbi, Bent Melchior, he was informed by the Soviet tourist authorities that he would be able to visit the USSR, but that it would be impossible for him to schedule his trip for December 21 to 24, as "by coincidence" no hotel rooms are available in Moscow on those days. Accommodation would be available at a later date, he was told.

Meanwhile, the symposium organizers were summoned to the Soviet Ministry of Culture in connection with their activities.

Among those summoned to the Ministry were Vladimir Frestin, Prof. Vennyamin Fain, Pavel Abramovits, and Vladimir Lassar.

The symposium organizers were received by the Deputy Soviet Minister of Culture, Vladimir Popov, who told them that their symposium is in violation of Soviet law and contradicts established procedure.

Popov insisted that Jews have "plenty of outlets for cultural expression within the Soviet system," and said he saw no reason for the symposium and the fuss made about it in the world.

He also told the organizers that

the planned symposium could hardly be considered a gathering devoted purely to cultural problems "because the Zionists view culture nationally."

Popov's remarks fell with earlier KGB warnings that should the symposium actually get under way, the organizers would lay themselves open for trial on charges of anti-Soviet activity. The organizers, however, have already declared that they will go ahead with their plans.

It was also learned yesterday that seven U.S. scientists, who were invited by the Soviets, have cancelled their tours to the USSR because the Russians have refused an entry visa to Prof. Joshua Fischman of New York's Yeshiva University, who had been invited to the Jewish symposium.

The Soviets are also reported to have recently stepped up the jamming of short wave broadcasts from Israel, particularly of the 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. newscasts.

Jewish Agency releases texts of messages

Diaspora leaders rally to Almogi

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency yesterday released the texts of 17 telegrams and telex messages received from Jewish leaders abroad expressing support for Agency Executive Chairman Yosef Almogi.

The messages, all of which arrived in Jerusalem on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, followed criticism of Almogi from Labour MKs Yosef Sarid and Menachem Hachohen and the local press.

The two MKs had sent a letter to Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi charging that Almogi has proved "too small" for his job as leader of the Zionist movement and suffers from a "communications breakdown with Jewish leaders in the Diaspora." Zarmi has agreed to schedule an internal party forum on Almogi's role in the near future.

In one of the telegrams released yesterday, Bernice Tannenbaum, national president of Hadassah, writes that her organization is "disappointed by the public attacks on the democratically chosen head of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization. We believe this effort to diminish the elected head of the Zionist movement is harmful."

"I am shocked that at this critical period in Israel's history," writes Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, a member of the Agency's Board of Governors, "there should be so much infighting with press attacks (on Almogi) which are not based on facts but only on malice."

Sam Rotherberg, also a member of the Board, expresses to Almogi his "shock beyond words to learn of

allegations that you do not enjoy confidence and support of American Jews. I greatly value your leadership and initiatives and look forward to continued work with (you) for a long time to come."

Faye Schenk of the American Zionist Federation writes that Almogi "has given full support to our federation... and shown understanding of our needs and problems."

"I am profoundly shocked by the continuing and totally unjustified attacks on (Almogi) in the Israeli press," writes Rabbi Alexander Schneider, chairman of the Presidents Conference in the U.S., "and want to protest this undermining of confidence in your leadership."

Michael Sachar, a member of the Board from Great Britain, states "unequivocally" that he is distressed by reports that the recent London Board of Governors meeting was a "debacle" and calls them "one of the most constructive" he has ever attended.

Eric Moonman, chairman of the British Zionist Federation, writes that there is no rift between Almogi and the Zionist movement in the Diaspora. "In this year of solidarity, I can only deplore that there are people who would wish to divide Jews... by malicious gossip."

Meeting with reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday, Almogi refused to comment on the statements which have been made by Sarid and Hachohen. "I'm not new in this country," he said, "and I've been in political arguments before. I prefer not to say anything."

Egged saves IL100,000 by eliminating 45,000 kms.

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged cut its service yesterday by five per cent, reducing the distance travelled by its buses by 45,000 kms. and saving about IL100,000.

According to sources at the bus cooperative, Egged plans to continue service cuts and other economies in order to eliminate a daily deficit of IL600,000.

Ministry of Transport officials were out on the roads yesterday to see if there had been cuts and to learn if they inconvenienced the public.

According to Egged spokesman Raphael Rosenberg, they had also sent a computer, which will check that the passengers had not been inconvenienced. Rosenberg even

claimed the opposite, that extra buses had been sent to places with long queues.

The controller of Road Transport, Ya'acov Malca, requested a list of the cuts from Egged. But Egged refused, telling him that he should go out on the roads and find out for himself where the cuts had been.

The Jerusalem Post learned from the Ministry that controllers were out yesterday, but as yet haven't reported any changes. The Post also learned that if these controllers do find any changes, the Ministry will sue Egged for not fulfilling its agreement with the Government.

Minister of Transport Gad Ya'acobi made a surprise visit to the Netanya Egged bus station where the station master showed him around.

2nd try for computer car-pools

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Transport Ministry is to start today on a second try at persuading Israeli motorists to form car-pools — an idea that failed when tried out a year after the Yom Kippur War.

Motorists in the populous triangle bounded by Netanya, Petah Tikva and Ashdod will be given special forms to fill out. These will be fed into a computer, which will then play matchmaker and try to find car-pools of motorists living in the same area, working in another same area, and having more or less the same working hours.

The motorists will receive the

names of their "computer partners," and it will be up to them to call each other up and tie the final knot.

The ministry believes that IL12m. a year in fuel costs could be saved if 12,000 motorists can be convinced to join the plan. If the costal-triangle experiment succeeds it will expand the operation to the whole country.

Its previous trial of the idea, two years ago in Rishon LeZion and Herzliya, met with very little success. According to ministry sources, people were just too bashful to call up the "strange" partners the computer came up with. The ministry hopes motorists will be less bashful now.



Yosef Almogi at yesterday's press conference in Tel Aviv. (Dekal)

THREE RUGBY FIXTURES AT YIZRE'EL

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Rugby Football Union (IRFU) tomorrow holds its last series of league fixtures until after the visit here of Cape Town University early in January.

Instead, on the following Saturday, players from all eight leagues clubs will be engaged in country-wide trials and practice games in preparation for the four-match tour of the current South African varsity champions.

Tomorrow's league fixtures, all taking place at Kibbutz Yizre'el, are: Hebrew University vs. Tel Aviv University, kicking off at 11 a.m.; Mevo Hanna vs. Yizre'el (12:30 p.m.); and Baram vs. the Technion (2 p.m.). The programme will be completed by a friendly match between Ha'agen-Nir Ellyahu and Holon Givat Haim (Ihud), starting at 11 a.m.

In addition to the Saturday trials — which begin in Jerusalem on December 18 — training sessions are being held two evenings a week alternating between Haifa and Tel Aviv. These midweek trials got under way last Tuesday and will continue until the crack Cape Town team's arrival on January 2.

In charge of the training programme are IRFU coaches Teddy Edelstein, Monk Tross and Ced Green.

A SEMINAR on Zionism and Jewish identity for Israeli and new immigrants students will be held at the Holyland Hotel this weekend, sponsored by WJWS (World Union of Jewish Students) in cooperation with the Government Information Centre.

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S. savings plan aims at returning Israelis

LEA RABINOWITZ

TEL AVIV. — Israel's settled prime target of a hot venture setting at a mortgage loan of \$10,000, whose equivalent is in Israeli currency, per cent interest over 10

original investment of five years becomes 160 (including the interest mortgage). 30 inquiries followed an of the plan last Friday a of ads placed in the Times and a number of papers, and over language programme of IVD. The Jerusalem Post, in charge of negotiating the past six months, in U.S. Securities and Commission approval for investment notes here, me does not prejudice

the right of returning Israelis to a Government mortgage of IL70,000. Taken together, the Tefahot investment and the Government loan would come to about IL230,000 — about 80 per cent of the purchase price of a three or four room flat. New immigrants fare even better, as they would be entitled to a Government mortgage of up to IL110,000.

The Tefahot mortgages are available to persons "who have the right to settle in Israel under the Law of Return" and to residents or citizens of Israel living outside Israel other than as tourists," according to the prospectus.

Lower middle-income brackets are the target of another Tefahot programme; these are four to seven per cent redeemable investment notes, which range from \$20 to a maximum of \$300. While the interest is lower by one per cent than that granted by American savings banks, the latter generally require a minimum of several hundred dollars in such accounts, Elges said. It is hoped these notes will attract small investors wishing to help boost Israel's foreign currency holdings.



Dogs being held in quarantine yesterday at the Jerusalem municipal veterinary services after being bitten by the rabies-infected dog.

Jerusalem first city hit in Israel

Rabid odyssey of a little white dog

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The small white dog with the blue collar bit her first victim about 8 p.m. last Friday on quiet Rehov Alfassi in Jerusalem's Rehavia Quarter.

For more than 40 hours afterwards, the rabid animal roamed across half the city hitting more than a score of humans and a still unknown number of animals. For 45 minutes it trailed close behind a man strolling with his son on Friday evening. Annoyed, the man kicked the dog after it refused to be shooed off. The dog continued to follow and as the pair were about to enter their home in Rehavia the dog lunged and bit the boy.

Within two hours on Friday evening, the dog struck in Talpiot and Kiryat Moana, five kilometres apart. A man sitting on a bench in the German Colony with friends was bitten on his hand. The dog entered an open door of a Rehavia apartment Sabbath eve and bit the hand of the man who playfully picked her up.

At 2 a.m. Saturday, a civil guardman in Katamon started to play with the dog he encountered on the street and was bitten on the hand. He watched in astonishment as it took off in pursuit of another, much larger dog.

On Saturday, the dog roamed through the crowded Old City. Two Arab youths have so far reported being bitten. Some of the victims during the dog's rampage were children who attempted to pet the small, dirty-haired stray.

The authorities did not learn of the dog's existence until Sunday morning when the district office of the Health Ministry opened its doors at 86 Jaffa Road after the Sabbath break. The successive appearance of persons claiming to have been bitten by a dog of the same description immediately aroused fears of rabies in Dr. Yehoshua Stark, deputy-district medical officer. The police were notified. So was Yehoshua Blumenthal, Jerusalem's chief Municipal veterinarian.

About noon, a police patrol spotted the dog near the railway station. It fled up the street, trying to bite people on the way, before taking shelter beneath a car on Karen Hayesod. At Blumenthal's request, the dog was shot in the body and not the head. It was necessary to have its brain intact for examination to determine whether or not it was rabid. Laboratory tests soon confirmed that it was.

"This is the realization of a nightmare I've had since taking over my job five years ago," says Blumenthal. "We watched rabies advancing slowly but surely from the Golan Heights down the Jordan Valley. Jerusalem is the first city it's reached."

To forestall the danger, Blumenthal's men have for years been offering strays poisoned meat which killed about 800 unleashed dogs a month. Another 80-100 were trapped and, if unclaimed, given for research.

Blumenthal had been sharply attacked by Jerusalem dog owners but he insisted that it was imperative for the safety of the city to rid the streets of unleashed dogs. (Some of the sharpest criticism came from Neve Shanan where two people were bitten Friday by the rabid bitch.)

Two years ago, the first case of rabies was reported in the lower Jordan Valley at the new settlement of Gilgal where a fox bit several soldiers. They shot it and laboratory examination confirmed rabies. About

Dog-bite victims total 40

Nine more dog-bite victims were inoculated in Jerusalem yesterday bringing the total in the past five days to 40. Normally, only one or two persons a month receive anti-rabies inoculations in the city.

The shots are being administered by the Health Ministry's District Office on 86 Jaffa Road. An official there said that 28 of the persons are known to have been bitten by the rabid white dog. The remainder were probably bitten by other dogs.

The ministry has sent a cable to the German Health Ministry to pass on the name of a German tourist who was bitten outside the Jerusalem Towers Hotel on Friday. He flew home without being aware that he was the victim of a rabid dog. A boy from Tel Aviv, bitten at the same time, has also been identified and is to be inoculated by health authorities in that city. At least one man seen to have been bitten in Radak Street

on Friday has not reported for inoculation. His identity is thus far unknown. More than a score of people who reported being nipped on the trousers or shoes by the white dog were not given shots.

Meanwhile, municipal authorities have doubled the amount of poisoned meat being offered to stray dogs in the street. Close to 300 have been killed so far this week. Sixty dogs were brought to the municipal veterinary office for anti-rabies shots yesterday, four times the normal daily amount.

The city's 6,000 dog owners were being more careful than ever yesterday about leaving their dogs wander unleashed. One man was seen carrying his dog in his arms. In Tel Aviv the municipal veterinary department has warned that all stray dogs in the city would be destroyed. Dog owners have been warned not to allow their animals to wander the streets unleashed.

10 soldiers were inoculated.

A half year later a fox coming up out of the Judean Desert was trapped in a building under construction in Neve Yaseov in the northeast corner of Jerusalem. It was brought to the Biblical Zoo where it bit several persons handling it. The rabid fox was killed and a dozen persons inoculated. Six months ago, a rabid poodle in Motza just west of Jerusalem was killed by its owner after it began to act strangely but before it bit anybody. The grandfather of the family had correctly diagnosed the symptoms as rabies on the basis of a similar case he had known 50 years before.

Blumenthal's nervousness at the tightening circle of rabies incidence around the city was justified over the weekend not just by the rabid white dog but by a second rabid dog — heretofore unreported — which was killed by its owner in Kiryat Yovel before it bit anybody. The two dogs manifested two different kinds of rabidity, according to Blumenthal. The Kiryat Yovel dog was the victim of paralytic rabies. It drooled because its lower jaw and throat were paralysed. "These animals are not vicious," said the veterinarian. "They're not even able to bite." (They also are not able to swallow or drink which led to the name of hydrophobia — fear of water — mistakenly being given the disease.)

The white dog with the blue collar was the classical "mad dog," victim of the "furious form" of rabies. Animals of this kind become irrational and viciously aggressive. They lose all caution and have an instinctive desire to attack any moving object. It does not move only in a straight line as has been reported, says Blumenthal. These dogs do not usually live more than three or four days after the onset of symptoms.

SURPLUS BUTTER TO IRAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A shipment of 520 tons of butter from surplus stocks was exported to Iran via Turkey aboard the m/s Angelika yesterday.

The director of the Dairy Marketing Board, Amnon Ziv, told The Jerusalem Post that a previous sale of 1,100 tons has already been

completed, and talks are near completion on the export of another large quantity.

He said the butter is sold at the going world market prices of \$850 per ton, and the Board considered the sale abroad preferable to increasing the surplus and paying for the cold storage and capital costs.

Teachers to get advance on coming pay-rise

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — The Education Ministry has accepted in principle the Histadrut Teachers' Union demand that an advance payment be made to teachers, toward the pay-rise now being negotiated, as briefly reported yesterday. The amount of the advance will be decided in further negotiations next week, the ministry announced yesterday.

The union had demanded an advance of between IL750 and IL1,000. This would cover not only potential rises obtained through negotiations but also the 2.5-per cent pay increase in April given to all other service workers — a rise which the teachers still have not received.

The teachers, who claim their salary has fallen behind that of other engineers (to whom they are "linked" in Israel's wage structure), were not given the 2.5 per cent because they refused at that time

to sign a collective agreement, preferring to negotiate for a new labor pact.

Earlier this week the ministry had demanded that the country's two teachers' unions negotiate jointly with the Government. At that time the Histadrut union rejected the proposal, while the Secondary School Teachers' Association accepted it.

Now the Histadrut union says it will bring the matter before its board on Sunday and give Education Minister Aharon Yadin its reply on Monday morning. This may affect the decision of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, which has threatened to call a labour dispute on Monday. The Association feels its negotiations have reached an impasse because the Government won't continue without the Histadrut union participating, and the Histadrut union has until now refused to take part.

Police stakeout nets four 'big drug-traffickers'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Policemen on a stakeout of a Kfar Shalem house hit the jackpot Wednesday night, when they arrested four suspects believed to be major underworld drug-traffic figures.

They took over digging in the yard, which the four had begun, and uncovered a cache containing a loaded pistol and 160 grams of hashish. The cache, however, was not as important to the police as the four suspects, one of whom was suspected in the past of murder but could not be prosecuted for lack of sufficient evidence.

The police hope to extract from the four information on drug traffic,

to make up for its loss of a court case against three other suspected major drug pushers on Tuesday. The three had been acquitted of charges of possessing IL1.5m. worth of heroin.

The three, Ezra Haboura, his son Haim and Eliyahu Chen, were arrested for possession of nearly 180 grams of heroin earlier this year. This was said to be the largest seizure of heroin ever made in Israel. In delivering his acquittal decision, Judge Shmuel Kwart of the Tel Aviv District Court praised the investigative abilities of the chief police witness, Eli Dadon of the drug squad, but criticized him for serious discrepancies in his testimony.

Rain, feast cause orange shortage

HAIFA. — Israel is now suffering from an unlikely shortage of oranges — in the middle of the citrus season. In Haifa oranges were virtually unobtainable yesterday, and export shipments have also been suspended for lack of fruit. The shortage, resulting from last week's heavy rains, is expected to last until the second half of next week.

The director of the Citrus Marketing Board's Export Department, Ami Ziv, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the local shortage would continue another week. "As we have already missed the Christmas market anyway," he added, "exports would be resumed at full speed only after December 20."

He explained that the shortage had resulted from last week's heavy rains and storms, which made picking impossible. In addition, the many Arab pickers employed had stayed away for the three-day Id el-Adha feast.

The rains also caused a large quantity of fruit to fall off the trees, and all pickers are now concentrating on gathering it for sale

to the processing industry, in order to prevent it from spoiling on the ground.

Furthermore, the rains had weakened the fruit on the trees, and the growers preferred to leave it there and get their strength back to prevent a surplus of culls.

Ziv said that to date exports were nearly 700,000 cases behind schedule, with 5m. cases shipped. In addition, this year's shamuti orange crop is expected to be smaller than usual, at 20m. cases of exportable fruit. The Board, having missed Christmas, has no interest in rushing these to the European markets now, as prices are relatively low. It prefers delaying the shipments to the end of January, when prices should pick up.

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Kissinger's farewell talk Carter vows strong support for Nato

BRUSSELS. — U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter yesterday reaffirmed the American commitment to the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"The American commitment to maintaining the Nato alliance shall be sustained and strengthened under my administration," he said in a message to Nato foreign ministers meeting here. The message was delivered by the outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

"Our Nato alliance lies at the heart of the partnership between North America and Western Europe," Carter said in one of his most important foreign policy statements since last month's American elections. "Nato is the essential instrument for enhancing our collective security."

Carter said that the alliance faces a number of challenges but "I have no doubt that these challenges shall be met." He said he was reaffirming his belief in Nato's ability to meet the challenges.

"I am convinced that Nato's mission and the North Atlantic Alliance are no less important today than when Nato was originally established," the brief message said.

Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns said afterwards that Carter's address was "excellent." He added that "it is just what the alliance needed at this moment."

A source at the closed-door session said Kissinger, attending his last Nato session as Secretary of State, told the ministers in a farewell speech that the wish for a strong alliance and the desire to relax tensions aren't contradictory. He reportedly warned that the growing economic strength of the Soviet Union had given it an increase in military power and that the Soviet military build-up was itself a threat even though no one could say what intentions lay behind it.

The source said Kissinger made these points:

- Weakening of the Palestine Liberation Organization and diminished Soviet influence in Syria have created good prospects for a settlement between Israel and the Arab States.

- The broad lines of U.S. foreign policy will be the same under the Carter administration as they have been under President Ford.

- Nato is the most important instrument of Western cooperation and should be used for more than just military purposes, but maintenance of the military balance between East and West should remain its top aim.

- The Soviet proposal to ban the first use of nuclear weapons would reduce the uncertainty that is an important part of deterring a Soviet attack.

- Communism is acquiring followers only in countries where the Communists aren't in power. The main thing that holds Eastern Europe together, in addition to sheer Soviet power, is a kind of petty bourgeois nationalism long out of date in Western countries.

- Nato should reject a Warsaw Pact proposal that the two blocs freeze their members. Keeping Nato open would eventually permit Spain to join.

In an interview published yesterday in Hamburg, West Germany, Kissinger said there were a few occasions during his tenure of office when he thought the danger of a world war was great. He mentioned the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

"There was at least one night during the 1973 Yom Kippur war when I thought this danger existed," he said. "The strange thing is that I always knew I had done all that I could do."

He told the Nato correspondent of the "Bild Zeitung" newspaper that he believes the West can solve its problems and will not go Marxist.

(Reuters, AP)

Ugandan officers held for bid to abduct woman in London

LONDON. — British authorities said yesterday they had detained two Ugandan army officers who came here to take a Ugandan woman back to her country.

The "Evening News" reported the woman was Princess Elizabeth Bagaya, a former Ugandan Foreign Minister who has been living in exile in London since 1973, but the Home Office denied she was involved.

The Ugandans arrived at London's Heathrow Airport on Wednesday wearing civilian clothing and telling immigration authorities they were businessmen. But under questioning, they admitted that they were army officers and were found to have a passport in the woman's name. They admitted planning to escort her to Uganda, officials said.

The men were refused permission to enter Britain until police and Home Office officials could talk to the woman.

The Home Office and Scotland Yard declined to name her. But Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said she was Elizabeth Okite, 24, a shorthand typist who lives in North London.

The "Evening News" said that Princess Elizabeth, a woman in her mid-30s, has been living in London under the name Elizabeth Okite and working as a shorthand typist.

Princess Elizabeth was dis-



The princess and deposed Foreign Minister who may now be a tyet, with Amin out to get her.

missed as Uganda's Foreign Minister in November, 1974 after President Idi Amin accused her of wasting government funds.

posing for nude photographs and having sexual intercourse with a Western diplomat in a toilet at Paris's Orly Airport.

She denied the charges, fled to neighbouring Kenya and came to London in the summer of 1975. The princess was educated in England at Sherborne School for girls in Dorset County and then at Girton College, Cambridge.

(AP)

Mexican bandits halve ransom

MEXICO CITY. — The kidnappers of Mexican industrialist Isaac Amiké yesterday halved their ransom demand to \$m. pesos (12.2m.) and gave the family more time to produce the money.

The police, who believe the kidnappers are ordinary criminals, not an urban guerrilla group as

they had claimed — said they had agreed to wait until today for the money. The kidnappers, who grabbed Amiké at his factory on Monday, at first demanded the money "within 48 hours." Relatives have asked the police not to interfere until he is safely released.

(Reuters)

Vietnam denies plans to invade Thailand

SINGAPORE. — Vietnam yesterday rejected as absurd Thai claims that it was planning to invade Thailand in two months time.

The official voice of Vietnam Radio described as "an absurdity" statements made by Thai Interior Minister Samak Sundaravej that the Vietnamese were looking for a chance to invade Thailand on February 16.

It said Samak's statement was to justify possible Thai attempts to reopen U.S. military bases in Thailand and their extremely reactionary domestic and foreign policy.

"They also want to plead for more dollars and weapons from their U.S. master," the radio said.

Samak, who arrived here Wednesday for a two-day visit said that pro-Hanoi Vietnamese refugees and left-wing Thai students had decided to organize industrial unrest in Thailand to pave the way for an invasion. He said the planned

crossing points for the invasion were through Burma in the north, Chongmak near the Laotian border and through Aranyaprathet near the Cambodian border.

He said the Vietnam invasion plan was contained in captured Communist documents and he also had clear evidence that weapons and tanks were being stockpiled at the three crossing points.

Thailand, however, reacted calmly to Samak's statement about the planned invasion. There was no visible evidence that the government was putting itself on a war footing by sending more troops to the Burmese, Laotian and Cambodian borders.

The statement came as a complete surprise to foreign diplomats who said it reflected known Thai military and right-wing fears about Hanoi's intentions since the Communist victories in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos last year. (Reuters)

U.S. Viet veterans find another war in Rhodesia

By ROBIN WRIGHT

The Washington Post

SALISBURY. — They have come from all corners of the U.S., but they have two things in common: they are all Vietnam veterans and they have all come to Rhodesia looking for another war.

They are the Americans in the Rhodesian army, now known among locals as "The Other American Connection," who have become an increasingly important factor in Rhodesia's campaign against the rapidly escalating, four-year-old guerrilla war.

They are currently estimated to number about 400, with army officers boasting that enquiries and applications are increasing daily.

The troubled Southern African territory does not have enough white manpower to lead black troops in the anti-guerrilla campaign.

All white coloured (mixed race) and Asian men between 18 and 35 have already been drafted and blacks are not eligible for call up.

So the army has increasingly turned to recruiting what it calls "foreign volunteers" — what others call mercenaries — to help hold off guerrillas now penetrating deep into all four corners of the country from bases in neighbouring Mozambique and Zambia. There are estimated to be a total of about 1,000 foreigners in the Rhodesian army.

Some Americans admit they came out for "adventure in the sun," as U.S. magazines such as "Soldier of Fortune" advertise the Rhodesian army. Others say they came back from Vietnam and could not get jobs, could not adjust to a peaceful environment or were simply restless.

Richard himself, showing uncharacteristic pessimism, told reporters: "It may be a longer process than at one stage we hoped it was going to be."

The feeling among observers that the conference is slowly losing momentum was reinforced yesterday by news that key participants will be out of Geneva over the next few days.

Richard flew to London last night to meet U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and British government ministers.

Richard, who just came back from weekend consultations in the Brit-

IN BRIEF

Bombs near Lisbon

LISBON. — A bomb damaged water conduit near here yesterday cutting off nine-tenths of the supply to Lisbon's one million inhabitants. Three days ago bomb explosions cut Lisbon's two main suburban railway lines, derailing one train and forcing more than 100,000 people to walk to work.

Police say they do not know who is responsible for the attacks, which have taken place in various parts of the country for about a year.

Hostage freed

PALMI, Italy. — Kidnappers released Milan businessman Vittorio Colombo in the Calabrian Mountains near here Wednesday night, after holding him more than two months.

Colombo, 42, a building contractor, had been held at near-starvation conditions, and was weak after the ordeal, police said. He was abducted from his office near Milan on September 29. It was not clear whether ransom was paid for his release.

\$43m. embezzlement

TEHRAN. — A former Iranian Minister of Trade was arrested yesterday on charges of embezzling \$43m.

Hossein Alizadeh was accused of purchasing 23 shipsloads of sugar at higher than market prices from the British company, Tait and Lyster, Grete International, according to an Iranian government statement. The scheme allegedly included forging documents on another 150,000 tons of sugar.

Belgian change

BRUSSELS. — The shaky coalition of Premier Leo Tindemans was shaken yesterday on Wednesday.

Representatives today should agree on a sufficient majority.

Troubles for Tindemans's coalition came from the smallest partner, a party called the Rassemblement national, a party claiming to represent the interests of the Flemish.

autonomy for the south of the country which he tried. One minister and two deputy ministers from that party left.

Princely exchange

OTTAWA. — Prince Andrew, second in succession to the British throne, will attend Lakeside College, a school near Peterborough, Ontario, in January.

Prince Andrew, 18, will follow full programme of studies at the school and will be in the school during the winter and spring terms and will be attending at the school, an official announcement said.

The prince will attend Lakeside, a school in Scotland, which has a student change arrangement with Lakeside

Scandal that Japan couldn't swallow

SUNDAY'S VOTE FOR the Lower House of the Japanese Diet, in which the ruling Liberal Democratic Party lost its absolute majority for the first time in 21 years, provides a prism through which to view changing Japanese attitudes on the link between politics and morality.

Although there has been a long-term drop in the vote for the LDP, there can be little doubt that this week's vote, in which Japan's ruling party dropped from 271 seats in the Lower House to 249, was the result of a string of financial scandals topped by the Lockheed Bribe Affair. The parties which gained from the LDP's loss were not the main Socialist opposition party or the Communists but the smaller Komeito (a Buddhist "Clean Government" list) and the New Liberal Club, a group of young LDP parliament members who broke away from the Lockheed scandal. This latter group increased its representation from five to 17 even though it only fielded 25 candidates.

The scandals began with the forced resignation of popular Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, two years ago, under a cloud of dubious personal whealing and dealings which were too much even for the LDP, whose power has long been based on a hand-in-glove relationship with big business. Informed opinion in Japan, however, rejected the possibility that this spelled the end to Tanaka's flamboyant political career. He continues to remain a power in the LDP, and was handsomely re-elected to his Diet seat.

Tanaka's re-election was an echo of a similar performance in 1948. At that time, while a freshman Diet member, he was briefly jailed after being convicted on charges of accepting a one million yen bribe from coal-mine owners. The conviction was reversed in a higher court which accepted doctored evidence. The important point, however, is that while still in prison, Tanaka fled for re-election — and won.

It is doubtful that Tanaka's 1974 resignation would by itself have brought about a significant shift in this week's vote. It took

By YOSEF GOELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

the Lockheed scandal to do that. The bribes paid by officials of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation have caused political tremors in high places in the Netherlands and in Italy. In Japan, the scandal involved payment of \$12m. to various business and political officials, apparently including Tanaka, in return for decisions to prefer Lockheed planes.

I had an opportunity to ask numerous Japanese politicians, academics and journalists what made the Lockheed scandal different in a society in which the passing of large sums of money constituted the grease which made the political and business systems run.

The unanimous answer revolved around two aspects of the affair and a changing Japanese social reality:

- The large sums involved. \$12m. is more than three billion yen, which is enough to take one's breath away even among a pragmatic Japanese electorate. Political observers in Japan were convinced that it was highly unlikely that Tanaka or the other heads of the LDP had actually kept much of the money for themselves. In all likelihood, I was told, the money was spread widely to buy and shore up political support. Nonetheless, the new order of magnitude made it difficult to hush up the affair;

- The reports did not emerge from Japan but from a U.S. Senate sub-committee investigating the Lockheed Corporation. Had it been up to the Japanese it may well have been hushed up. Coming as it did from the U.S. Senate hearings, it was impossible to ignore.

At this point, apparently a sense of shame began to work. The world-wide propagation of news that such bribes had been paid to leading actors in the Japanese political system created a feeling among growing circles of Japanese politicians, intellectuals and journalists, that Japan's name had been put to shame.

The Japanese penchant for copying — the American democratic system, modern technologies, golf and baseball, to mention only a few examples — was apparently also applied to the new Watergate atmosphere in the U.S. This factor should not be written off in regard to the new educated generation of Japanese. One must remember that over 90 per cent of the Japanese are high school graduates and a full 40 per cent have been to college. Such higher education is no guarantor of a mass switch to moralistic attitudes but it apparently did have more than just a marginal effect in directing the electorate.

The order of magnitude is important here. The fact remains that the large plurality of the Japanese electorate continued to vote for the LDP despite the scandals. It is equally true that the large majority of the LDP strongly opposed the attempts of Premier Takeo Miki to proceed with a further unravelling of the distribution of the Lockheed money to LDP power brokers and even to leaders of other parties.

In all likelihood Miki will not be the next premier. The party is sure to blame him for its losses. Miki gambled on the popularity of his reformer image with the electorate — and seems to have lost.

In Japan — as in Israel — it will be impossible to establish a government without the largest, but no longer majority, party, the LDP. The opposition is too dissipated, and too small, to provide an immediate alternative. Many opposition leaders are awaiting next June's elections to the Upper House. But it is doubtful that those elections will displace the LDP. Japan, it would seem, is slated to enter a period of weak coalition government, specifically at a time when a beleaguered economic future demands strong government.

The more westernized moral sensibilities of a predominantly young minority, as evinced in this week's vote, may well preface changes in Japan's politics as the newer post-World War II generation of Japanese take over from the old-timers in what has been one of the world's most obvious age-oriented societies.

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Bernstein's 'Final Days' at the 'Washington Post'

WASHINGTON. — Carl Bernstein, who with Bob Woodward wrote the stories on Watergate that won a Pulitzer Prize for the "Washington Post" in 1973, is resigning from the newspaper, effective January 1.

Bernstein plans to write books, he said Wednesday. "It's very hard to leave," he said. "But I've worked for newspapers since I was 16 years old — half my life — and I want to try other kinds of journalism."

Bernstein said his first book project will be an account of Washington and Washingtonians during the Joseph McCarthy era. His and Woodward's books on Watergate — "All the President's Men" and "The Final Days" — have sold millions of copies, and the movie of the first book has been seen by millions.

Benjamin C. Bradlee, executive editor of the "Post," said in a statement: "There is no way of ending a relationship like the one that Carl Bernstein and the 'Washington Post' have enjoyed during the last four years. That was some ride, and no one even remotely involved in it will ever be quite the same. His contribution, along with Bob Woodward's, has been much more than a contribution to this newspaper and to each of us who stand a little taller because of them. It has been a contribution to journalism and to the country."

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Woodward will stay at the "Post" as an investigative reporter on the national staff. ("Washington Post")

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TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

ISSUED episode three of "Poor Man" due to circumstances entirely within my control. I am somewhat perplexed as to why I have not reached as fast as I would have liked. When I mentioned this to a friend, she obligingly told me that the film was nowhere near as good as the book. I am sure that the book proved to be a success for several reasons, the first of which is that it is even more than the film, as a result of my reading from the TV screen, the book is a development of the film, and makes my confusion more profound. In the book, the brothers have a sister, Gretchen, who is a Teddy Boy and goes to York to marry Willie. A very good development, as it adds a new dimension to the story. The book is a development of the film, and makes my confusion more profound. In the book, the brothers have a sister, Gretchen, who is a Teddy Boy and goes to York to marry Willie. A very good development, as it adds a new dimension to the story.

THE DOCUMENTARY "The Violent Earth" was another very good film, rounding off one of the best weeks we have had. We were filled with wonder at the courage and skill of the men investigating and photographing the boiling lava lake, while, at the same time, it was humbling to see that Nature can rival man in the creation of horrifying spectacles. Indeed, while watching these astonishing shots of what lies under our feet, I was reminded of Prospero's prophecy that the great globe itself is scheduled to dissolve and leave not a rack behind.

Mr. Zohar's "That's my Secret" — remember that one? — has been replaced by a series on the early years of the cinema. Notice that it is an Israeli product, that an indigenous Israeli product has disappeared into limbo without anything being created in its stead. As the years go by, the number of our own works becomes less and less; we are now relying almost entirely on canned material, apart from news and talk shows.

By the time poor Richard had come to his grisly end, we were wholeheartedly on his side and against Bolingbroke. This may not have been wholly Shakespeare's intention: he wrote his plays at a time when the descendants of the House of Lancaster were just as liable to chop off his head as their ancestors had been to cut short the careers and bodies of Salisbury, Spencer, Blunt, Kent and other gentlemen who made the appalling error of backing the wrong king, and so deserved to die. Shakespeare no doubt had his work cut out to praise the Lancastrians for seizing the throne, at the same time deploring any revolt against the Crown. He performed this difficult feat with his unusual incredible ability. For the rest, the characters probably took over from him, and attained credible lives of their own.

There was one superb flash in the closing scenes, when Exton reports to King Henry that he has done what Henry wanted, assassinated Richard of Bordeaux. Henry, in the way of kings, rewards him with complete ingratitude and a moralising speech — while he is prating, we are shown the face of the worldly Northumberland, the ladder by which Henry ascended. The look on Northumberland's face, as he realises how little he can rely on Henry to be grateful, was one of the best things I have ever seen on the screen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1976

8.30 p.m. FESTIVE OPENING CEREMONY with the participation of PRESIDENT EPHRAIM KATZIR and PRIME MINISTER YITZCHAK RABIN. Frederick R. Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.

Opening Remarks: Mr. EPHRAIM KATZIR, President, Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel.

Greetings: Dr. BEN-ZION UMRATH, President, International Technical Cooperation Centre. Maj. Gen. (Res.) SHELOMO LAHAT, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo. Maj. Gen. (Res.) AMOS HOREV, President, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.

Opening Lecture: Prof. EPHRAIM KATZIR, President of the State of Israel. Tzadikov Children's Choir.

Mr. DAVID WEINSHAL, Director-General, Ministry of Housing, Israel.

7. Industrial Development in Countries with Limited Resources (Hall B). Co-chairmen: Mr. MATTHEW GOLDSMITH, Director, Science Policy Foundation Ltd., England. Prof. YITZCHAK YAAKOV, Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva, Israel. Chief Scientist, Commerce and Industry Ministry.

8. Energy Resources — Alternate Solutions (Hall C). Co-chairmen: Dr. PIERRE ZALESKI, Scientific Consultant, Electricité de France. Prof. SHELOMO LAHAT, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel.

9. Manpower Resources (Hall E). Co-chairmen: Prof. LOUIS E. DAVIS, University of California, Los Angeles, United States. Mr. ARIST GUREL, E.C. Director-General, Ministry of Labour, Israel.

10. Education and Development (Hall D). Co-chairmen: Prof. MORRIS ETTENBERG, New York University, United States. Prof. ATILIA BILGUSTAY, Dean of Antalya Campus, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

8.30 p.m. RECEPTION by the Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo Maj. Gen. (Res.) SHELOMO LAHAT (Departure from Hilton Hotel: 8.00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1976

8.30-10.30 a.m. PLENARY SESSION (Hall A). Chairman: Lt. Gen. (Res.) HAIM BAR-LEV, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Development, Israel.

Introductory Lecture: Prof. RAJANAN WEITZ, Head, Settlement Study Centre, Rehovot, Israel. The Southern Project: A Rural Regional Development in the Negev.

KEY LECTURES: I. Prof. LEV ZETLIN, University of Virginia, United States. Innovations in Civil and Structural Engineering. II. Prof. NATHANIEL LICHFIELD, School of Environmental Studies, University College, London, England. The Role of the Economics of Land Use Planning in Development. III. Maj. Gen. (Res.) MOSHE GIBRON, Director-General, Communications Ministry, Israel. Innovations in Communication. IV. Prof. PETER OBERLANDER, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Director, Centre for Human Settlements, Habitat. Decision Processes in Development. V. Arch. MOSHE SAFDIE, Canada/Israel. Architecture and Urban Design.

11.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. Discussion in Plenary Session. Chairman: Mr. GERALDO BASTOS DA COSTA REIS, President, Clube de Engenharia, Brazil.

3.00-6.30 p.m. PANEL SESSIONS

1. Society and Organization of Development (Hall B). Co-chairmen: Prof. SAUL M. KATZ, Associate Dean of Graduate Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, United States. Prof. MARSHALL H. WEITHEID, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States.

2. Environmental Quality (Hall C). Co-chairmen: Mr. ROBERT FEUER, C.E., United States. Prof. GEDALIAHU SEEREF, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel.

3. Water Resources Development (Hall D). Co-chairmen: Prof. JAN-C. VAN DAM, Delft University, Holland. Mr. AHARON WIENER, C.E., President, TAHAL Consulting Engineers, Israel.

4. Urban and Regional Planning (Hall A). Co-chairmen: Prof. JANICE PERLMAN, University of California, Berkeley, United States. Dr. CHAIM KUBERSKY, Director-General, Ministry of Interior, Israel.

5. Transportation (Hall E). Co-chairmen: Mr. FELIO DE ALMEIDA, Member of Parliament, former Minister of Transport, Brazil. Dr. SHELOMO REICHERMAN, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Transport, Israel.

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12. Role of Land Use Planning in Development (Hall E). Co-chairmen: Prof. HAIM DARIN (DRAKIN), University College, London, England. School of Environmental Studies. Prof. GIDEON S. GOLANY, Pennsylvania State University, United States.

13. Innovations in Communication (Hall D). Co-chairmen: Prof. NOAH S. PRYWES, University of Pennsylvania, United States. Mr. MOSHE E. BERMAN, C.E., former Director of Engineering, Ministry of Communications, Israel.

14. Decision Processes in Development (Hall C). Co-chairmen: Prof. CHESTER RAFFIN, Princeton University, United States. Prof. R. ARIFON, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel.

15. Architecture and Urban Design (Hall A). Co-chairmen: Prof. TERENCE LEE, University of Surrey, England. Prof. GILBERT MERRITT, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1976

8.30-11.00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION (Hall A). Chairman: Dr. R.M. MADU, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.

11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Summaries of Panel Discussions. CLOSING SESSION. Chairman: Mr. SHELOMO ARAZI, C.E., I.T.C.C. Executive Committee Member.

7.00 p.m. Elections of Members to I.T.C.C. Executive Committee and Council. Closing Address: Mr. EPHRAIM PELLE, C.E., President, A.E.A.I. RECEPTION by Mr. and Mrs. PELLE for overseas participants, Engineers' Institute, 200 Rehov Dizengoff, Tel Aviv.

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to the 40th anniversary of the great Italian Luigi Pirandello. The commendably to be at the Khan in a Saturday evening by Pirandello, a presentation in cooperation with the Consulate General and the Italian Society. It said that Pirandello is most European. Is it true to maintain Pirandello to Sartre and Kierkegaard and O'Neill, he also a influence on Bertold. died almost exactly 20 him?

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IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat Haim

arning to live with the laundry

LY one is dutifully glad starts: essential for vital to reservoirs, in- to our rivers and for cups of tea for dripping, unexpected storms.

wish that they did not us so suddenly and with ce. Bright sunshine one flooded streets the next the moderation that most prefer. Or to help us cheerfully sudden flung in or near the streaming gutters filling a small reduction in the. A good aspect is the ven to the trade in gumboots, especially e optimists who foolishly as the summer had gone it would go on forever. om the discomfort of ters and coats, we are anew every winter with e that the apartment has e lows and terraces to sit he sun, but they are a

liability when we are trying to keep the weather out, rather than welcome it in.

In England, where these conditions obtain for most of the year, households are provided with clothes racks hanging from the ceiling, wooden maidens and freestanding full of gently steaming napkins. No settler from England thought to bring any of that sort of equipment with him. Once we have opened our umbrellas in the hall, draped the mace over the settee and put boots in the oven — on the lowest number, our resources are exhausted.

The kitchen sink holds the laundry till the dishes pile up, or it stays in the tub till someone wants a bath. A friend of mine who has underfloor heating spreads out her wash all over the tiles. It means that her family has to stay out in the corridor, or if allowed in, to pick their way through a maze of assorted garments in varying degrees of humidity.

We have only a rather small radiator which, when festooned with

sacks, woolen shirts and flannel py-jamas, gives off a faint but lingering miasma which persists long after everything has been put away. We stretch the sheets over carefully spaced chairbacks. This often means that we have to eat standing up, as we have a lot of sleep-over visitors.

Household lines hang from the shower rail, on table edges secured by heavy ornaments. (I know that bras State of Liberty would come in useful some day.) Others wave from shelves under solid books. Anyone who wants to consult the large dictionary or an encyclopedia has either to wait, or to get involved with sopping wet towels. Longish garments we hang on the doors, which cannot then be closed, so in addition to the pervading damp, it is also very draughty.

According to an actual count of days, our rainy season is demonstrably shorter than that of many other countries. Odd that it seems, in units of washdays, so very much longer.

to the rules of grammar it cannot be otherwise. How is this difference explained? Moses ben Isaac gives the following explanation:

Bilha and Zilpa belonged "downstairs." They were hand-maids of their respective mistresses and were in the habit of bowing down to all and sundry. Their sons, however, who regarded themselves as belonging "upstairs" refused to bow before any man. When, therefore, they saw their mothers bowing, there was nothing unusual in it. Rachel and Leah, the mistresses, belonged "upstairs," and normally never bowed down to any man. In this instance, however, their sons saw to their astonishment that for the first time their mothers were prostrating themselves before a man. "This is someone special!" they said to themselves and promptly followed a suit. (The "Da'at Zekanim," the contemporary Talmud commentators of the Bible, give a garbled version of this imaginative explanation.)

BIBLICAL BYWAYS / Louis Rabinowitz

Upstairs, downstairs

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MUSIC AND MUSICIANS / Yohanan Boehm

Britten: original and productive

BENJAMIN BRITTEN will go down in history as one of the very few 20th century composers who never used avant-garde techniques — no atonality, no electronic, no serialism or otherisms — but nevertheless always found an original yet comprehensible approach to musical problems. Deeply steeped in English folklore, his music has recognizable national values without ever becoming nationalistic or chauvinistic.

In Israel, Britten is best known for his charming "Simple Symphony," written at the age of 12, and, of course, his "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra." This work based on a theme by Purcell, which introduces all the orchestral instruments in the form of variations and ends in a monumental fugue, has reached millions of young people through records, TV and film. Apart from its educational value, "The Guide" is a musical work for concert hall in its own right. Britten's "War Requiem," composed in 1962, was first performed in 1962 to celebrate the dedication of the new Coventry Cathedral (destroyed by German bombers in World War II) and became a medium for peace and international understanding. It was performed by the IPO some years ago.

Of his vocal music, Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" has been performed here by visiting ensembles, and his "Gloriana" music and, in particular, the song cycle "Les Illuminations," are on repertoire. Unfortunately, his operas are quite unknown in Israel — only the "Four Sea Interludes" from "Peter Grimes" appear frequently on programmes. Lesser works, like Spring Symphony, the Frank Bridge Variations, chamber music, songs and other orchestra works with or without solo instruments have been heard here, and it is to be hoped that we may now hear more of his compositions in order to deepen and prolong our memory of a great composer cut down too early in his creative life.



Some young players in rehearsal.

For many years, the Israel Festival's Director, A. Z. Prope, had tried to get Britten to accept a commission for a work on a Biblical subject to be premiered at the Israel Festival. But Britten always declined on the grounds of being too busy with other works. And, indeed, he poured out a never interrupted string of compositions in all forms and on many different subjects —

though in latter years illness slowed down considerably his inventiveness.

For collectors of Judaica, the only mention of a Biblical subject is his oratorio, "Samuel," which includes "an angry Arie in C Minor for God," which he wrote at the age of... nine.

LITTLE is known here about musical life in South Africa, and

even less of educational endeavours among the young. The forthcoming "pilgrimage" of a large group of "musicians" and their parents from the Johannesburg studio of Betty Pack may give us a welcome opportunity to fill in the gap in our knowledge. The players, their age ranging from 11 (one is even only nine) to 23, are organized in several groups: a Senior Cello Orchestra of 19, a Junior Cello Orchestra of 12 players, the South Africa Chamber Orchestra with 17, the Junior Chamber Orchestra with 29, and the Children's Chamber Orchestra with 30 players, also broken up into trios, quartets, and quintets for the purpose of performing chamber music. Repertoire is mostly from the Baroque and Classical periods, but there is also some Bridge, Bartok and South African composers.

About 70 per cent of the orchestra are Afrikaners, the rest English and Jewish. The various groups and ensembles travel almost every weekend cross-country from Johannesburg to bring their music to isolated communities. Some 30 parents will accompany the orchestra, which will perform in various combinations all over the country — in Jerusalem, kibbutzim, Beersheva, Elit, Arad, Haifa, Tel Aviv, and, of course, for Christmas in Bethlehem. A big "Marathon" at the end of their tour will be given at the Jerusalem Theatre on Dec. 25 (for other dates see "Poster").

THE "ZIMRIAN" celebrates its tenth gathering next July 1977 and is looking for a special "Zimriah Anthem" for Dec. 11, 1977; for details apply to the Secretariat of the Zimriah: Tel Aviv, POB 29384, tel. 03-64632.

The Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition, has selected as its prize-winning work for piano to be played as an obligatory piece at next April's contest the composition submitted by Shulamit Ran, an Israeli residing for the last few years in the United States.

CINEMA REVIEWS

Some nasty happenings

THE REINCARNATION OF PETER FROUD (Orly, Tel Aviv). Peter Froud (Michael Sarrazin), a professor of history, is troubled by a strange, recurring dream in which he is man called Jeff who is murdered by his wife, Marcia. Peter's girl friend (Cornelia Sharpe) tells him that he speaks in his sleep with a voice not his own. After undergoing tests by a parapsychologist (Paul Hecht), Froud is convinced that he really was Jeff in a former existence. After gleaning certain clues as to time and place, he decides to spend his holiday following them up.

While it is doubtful whether anyone seeing the film would be induced to believe in reincarnation, the story of Froud's search for confirmation of his belief is exciting on the thriller level. It is helped by excellent performances from Margot Kidder as Marcia and Jennifer O'Neill as her daughter, Anne.

Directed by J. Lee Thompson, scenario by Max Erlich from his novel, "The Little Girl Who Lived Down the Lane" (Limor, Tel Aviv). After Jodie Foster's success as the 13-year-old prostitute in "Taxi Driver," it was inevitable that her unusual teenage talent should be exploited. Here she plays another disquieting character, that of Ronnie Jacobs, a 13-year-old who has taken to heart her father's dictum that all costs she must look after her own interests.

The scene is in a small American country town (actually the film was shot in Canada), a placid background for some very nasty happenings. The development of the story (written by Laird Koenig) is difficult to accept and the various mysteries would have been quickly cleared up. However, attention is held by wondering what is going to happen next. Jodie Foster almost makes one believe that such a bad seed could flourish.

The film was directed by Nicolas Gessner with a somewhat heavy hand and was produced by Zev Braum. The cast includes Martin Sheen, Alexis Smith and young Scott Jacob.

MUSIC REVIEW / Yohanan Boehm

Inspired baton

THE JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, conducted by Lydia Mordkovich, plays the "Simple Symphony" by Benjamin Britten.

THE MAGIC WAND of guest conductor Sergiu Comissiona transformed the orchestra at this concert. The strings had an unusual rich and beautiful sonority, the wind section appeared closely concentrated and well balanced, general attention was better than customary, and, consequently, the performances conveyed an atmosphere of stimulating music-making by an extremely good orchestra. And all this Comissiona achieved without undue movement on the podium. Giving expressive indications when required but restraining himself when things go smoothly, Comissiona's technique is neither conservative nor too showy. His concentration and drive led the musicians to give of their best, and this was very impressive indeed.

Nature's Suite, a work of his youthful students, pays tribute to the respect for Bach and his own acquired technique in counterpoint. It is a well-constructed and stylish composition which makes hearing it an immediate pleasure. The conductor extracted every ounce of contrast and movement from the score, and his interpretation paid tribute to the composer in the best possible manner.

As a tribute to memory of Benjamin Britten, the orchestra played an unscheduled reading of the Sarabande from the "Simple Symphony." Under the baton of Sergiu Comissiona, this youthful piece acquired new dimensions and sounded like a lament for the great

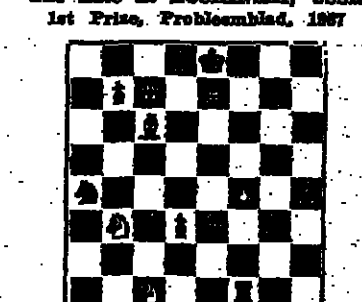
composer. Orchestra and audience stood to observe a moment's silence and the result was an impressive expression of bereavement.

The programme resumed with Prokofiev's Concerto No. 1, in which Lydia Mordkovich took over the part at very short notice (Schwartzberg had been scheduled to play but cancelled suddenly the day before). Mordkovich's performance was a student of late David Oistrakh, and mastered the difficult passages with a remarkable ease. She is a very good violinist, and her playing, which does not help a violinist deliver musical lines above the sound of the orchestra or express whole range of emotions, is an invention and brilliant technique passages to best advantage. Her obviously good technique was not having a good instrument, however, to be given a first-class violin which would enable her to come to full bloom.

Tchaikovsky's "Mantle" Symphony is rarely performed, and the first time it had been here. It is very emotional, very drawn out, and not always a pleasant listening experience. Indeed, it is easily become boring, but with treatment given it by Sergiu Comissiona it turned into a very interesting and provocative work. The Vivace con moto, which the Vivace con moto, which has rarely been heard at such a level of brilliance in Israel. The orchestra deserves credit for its performance, and Sergiu Comissiona to whom we owe admiration and full acclaim for inspired musicianship.

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The Vaduz syndrome

THE KNESSET has just extended the tax concessions granted to Israel Corporation B. Indeed, the scope of the law now extends to any corporation that mobilises capital to the tune of \$30 million.

But it has now been revealed to this newspaper that three foreign companies who invested in Israel Corporation B — two based in Vaduz and one registered in Panama — are actually controlled or owned by Aharon Rubinstein, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Israel Corporation B, who is now under investigation for tax fraud.

If the information about these remarkable investments was known to the authorities — as must have been the case if it came from documents found on the body of the late William Robinson and from disclosures made by his son — then the question arises: Why was this information not made available to the Knesset Finance Committee before the new Investment Law was submitted? Or is it, as in the Yadin case, that Mr. Rubinstein himself was not informed?

Moreover, when a foreign company invests in the Israel Corporation, be it Corporation B or A, is not that Corporation morally bound to check who is behind such benevolent Liechtenstein or Panamanian companies? Israel is hard-pressed for money, but surely there are limits to the rule that "money has no smell."

The reported transactions imply that Israel Corporation B has probably been made an accessory after the fact to a conspiracy of tax evasion, foreign currency smuggling, and, to boot, the laundering of this black capital on the extremely favourable terms which the Investment Law just passed grants to the shareholders of the Corporation.

Our backbiting habit

A STRANGE THING has happened to Israel's diplomatic initiative in the General Assembly this week. In the outside world the response has ranged from welcome consternation (among foes) to appreciative applause (among friends). Yet among Israelis the typical reaction to Ambassador Herzog's simple call for an early resumption of the Geneva peace talks in their original format has been characterized by sourness, suspicion, and downright destructiveness.

Surely Cabinet ministers, of all people, could have been expected to bury their personal and ideological hatchets at this time, and close ranks in support of the initiative. At the very least they should have refrained from undermining it. Yet that is precisely what Defence Minister Shimon Peres did in an address to the Presidents Conference in New York on Wednesday.

Had Mr. Peres contented himself with the observation that a premature meeting in Geneva might easily produce disappointment, and therefore prove to be a setback to peace hopes, he would not have faulted for keenness of analysis, although quite possibly for indiscretion. For his words — which he must have known would at once be leaked to the press — suggested something less than full backing for the Government's stated policy in favour of an early — though not necessarily a hasty — return to Geneva.

But the Defence Minister went on to ridicule, in this connection, what he termed the temptation "to run after headlines" in the "New York Times" by competing with President Sadat's "peace offensive." This remark was clearly aimed at the minor campaign then being waged by Israel's mission to the UN — on instructions of Foreign Minister Yigal Alon. If nothing else, it represented the most dubious contribution lately made by any Israeli leader to the credibility of Israeli diplomacy.

And at home former Ambassador Yosef Tekoa seems to have gained a wide hearing for his argument that by this action Israel lent its own stamp of legitimacy to the General Assembly's claim of right to dictate terms of settlement in the Middle East.

Yet the whole intent of the resolution tabled by Mr. Herzog was to underline Israel's contention that the Assembly's competence is limited to endorsing the peace efforts of the parties concerned. On the other hand, if the mere submission of an Israeli draft, regardless of its content, does in fact have such dire consequences, then so does Israeli lobbying against hostile resolutions; and the only remedy is total Israeli boycott of General Assembly activities. This has not so far been seriously suggested by anyone.

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DAVAT (Hizdruv) on the Israeli draft resolution at the UN, says that in future the tactical side of such a move should be carefully examined beforehand. The resolution itself was good from the propaganda aspect, being a logical continuation to the Prime Minister's call at the Socialist International conference for a Helsinki-style conference for the Middle East. Yet obviously, from the outset, it never stood a chance. Moreover, the very fact that Israel tried to sponsor a resolution might be interpreted as a "legitimation" of various anti-Israel resolutions passed by the Assembly in the past. The American anger at the move

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Scene One. May 1978. For the first time in 500 years a Spanish monarch visited a Jewish house of worship here: Queen Sophia, who maintains warm ties with the Spanish-Jewish community of 12,000, made a speech in Madrid's 10-year-old synagogue. Then, suddenly, her slated religious freedom speech was cancelled. The visit had favourable impact abroad but left a lingering question. Scene Two. December 1978. The grey jeeps carrying uniformed Policía Armada hovered around Madrid's Castellana Hotel where the World Jewish Congress meeting was taking place, the most important Jewish event in Spain in 500 years.

Amid Palestinian protest demonstrations and a reported Arab diplomatic offensive spearheaded by Libya, a Spanish Justice Ministry representative failed to show up to make his scheduled speech, citing "government business." The Foreign Ministry later told Arab diplomats that the meeting was a "private act" arranged by the Jewish community, which had completed needed formalities. The Ministry stressed that Spain's feeling towards the Arabs and the Palestinian cause remained unchanged.

Later, when it seemed that Juan Carlos was in a delicate position, the W.J.C. withdrew its request to meet the King. Spanish diplomatic sources say that pre-publicity for the event caused stiff backlash within the government. Some saw it as an attempt to put pressure on Spain to advance its timetable for recognizing Israel.

THE LATE General Francisco Franco is credited with having saved 60,000-100,000 Jews. Despite sympathy for Nazi Germany, Franco saved many Sephardic Jews by issuing Spanish passports and demanding that the Nazis give "the Spaniards" free passage. He also invoked an 1803 French-Spanish protection agreement to save French Jews.

In 1944 his brother Nicholas collaborated with the W.J.C. to halt Greek deportations. And Franco refused to apply the Nazi Nuremberg laws in Spain.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry proudly displays a 1944 W.J.C. resolution thanking El Caudillo for "the refuge which Spain granted the Jews from territories under German military occupation. The Jewish race has a good memory and will not easily forget the opportunity allowed thousands of its brethren to save their lives."

After World War II, Israel joined international efforts to isolate Spain, whose Blue Division fought alongside the Nazis on the Russian front. In 1955, it voted against Spain's admission to the U.N. An Arab bloc formed behind Spain, which Madrid welcomed, since it was nervous about Moroccan intentions over the Spanish Sahara, and its enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla in North Africa. Madrid hoped the Arabs would support its efforts to regain Gibraltar, but noted that since then, European countries and the UN recognized Israel "one has to look for causes in this relationship."

During the 1967 war, Spain assured Cairo and Damascus that it backed the Arabs, "to whom Spain feels bound by historic ties," and it supported the Third World UN resolution demanding that Israel withdraw from "occupied territories." The

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as "The King's Party," most notable of them Winston Churchill who had not yet, however, reached the dominant position he was later to occupy. It was Churchill, according to UPI, who edited the king's moving farewell broadcast and added some of its most trenchant phrases.

Hardly any of the protagonists in the drama of 1938 are still alive. Edward himself died of cancer in Paris in May 1972. The Duchess of Windsor, now a frail 80, rarely leaves her Paris home where she sees only a few close friends. Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, widow of George VI, opposed the granting of royal rank to Mrs. Simpson. She said to have felt that her shy and stammering husband's life had been shortened by being forced, through Edward's abdication, to ascend the throne.

Windsor himself once answered his critics: "I reject the notion that, faced with a choice between love and duty, I chose love. I certainly married because I chose the path of love, but I abdicated because I chose the path of duty. I did not value the Crown so lightly that I gave it away hastily. I valued it so deeply that I surrendered it rather than risk any impairment of its prestige."

WHO SAYS that the days of the "bottle post" are over and that you have to be a shipwrecked sailor stranded on a desert island to try this form of communication? Ordinary mail takes an unconscionable time, anyway, and our two sons, 14-year-old Arye and 12-year-old Shimon, decided to give the bottle mail a go while we were on our way from Haifa to Venice aboard the Greek liner "Apollonia" this past summer.

Some hours after passing through the Corinth Canal on July 7, they each "mailed" a bottle, containing greetings in Hebrew, English and German, to the finders, and added their Tel Aviv address.

One bottle took just under three weeks to reach Lecce on the heel of the boot of Italy. It was found by Signor Dante de Santis who recently reciprocated the greetings — in Italian, French and English. Not so bad when a letter from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem can take a week or more to be delivered — and has to be stamped.

The second bottle was fished out of the Adriatic on the beach at Budva, a Yugoslav holiday resort south of Dubrovnik, on October 11 by a family of German tourists from Hamburg. Last week we received warm greetings from Verena and Hans Kreyman and their two sons, Steffen (16) and Matthias (11). Matthias, in particular, was thrilled by the adventure.

So try the bottle mail next time you travel. Just be sure the bottle is dry inside and that the cork fits tightly.

READERS' LETTERS

MARCIA FREEDMAN ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — Though Marcia Freedman M.K. must certainly be considered in the political and ideological minority in Israel and is recognized as a critic of many of the policies of the present Israeli Government, her visit had a unique positive effect on behalf of Zionism in Israel that many "establishment" Israelis cannot achieve.

Ms. Freedman, while emphasizing

IN DEFENCE OF TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — In his letter critical of TV programmes (December 3), Mr. S. Heller should have given a few thoughts to the tremendous task Israel TV has to cope with in order to provide entertainment, education, information and discussion on political, cultural, economic and religious subjects — all on one channel, and which cannot afford a second one. If he had also considered that these subjects must be treated in such a manner as to satisfy a very diversified population, he would have come to the conclusion that our TV does a superb job on the whole.

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Strong Arab pressure delays Spanish-Israel ties

It seems clear that the once-timid voices in Spain urging diplomatic ties with Israel will ultimately win out: the question is when. Joe Gandelman reports.

government-controlled press hailed the Arab leaders' "moderation," denounced Israel's "provocative" acts, and labelled Israel "the Fourth Reich." When Israel abstained on Gibraltar, Spain's UN delegate compared it to Nazi Germany.

In the 1978 conflict it also backed the Arabs and was angered when the Americans indirectly used Spanish-based U.S. tankers. But pro-Israel sentiment grew among the public and army. A Roman Catholic daily pointed out Israel's "deep cultural and ethnic ties with the Spanish people," such as the Castilian-derived language of Israel's Sephardic Jews.

TODAY, some Spanish diplomats privately say the same thing, but feel that Spain at this time "cannot afford" relations with Israel. Early this year, then-Foreign Minister Jose Maria Arellano tried to make the move but encountered fierce Arab resistance.

Arellano assured the Arabs that Spain would remain "absolutely faithful" to its UN votes, but noted that since then, European countries and the UN recognized Israel "one has to look for causes in this relationship."

The Arabs were angered, especially over reports that Israel might obtain de facto recognition. Like various East European countries, via "commercial representation."

PLO political chief Yassir Arafat later met Arellano, and some reports said it was a less-than-friendly encounter.

During Arellano's 1978 tenure, Israel's official paper "al-Thawra" wanted that Spain's establishing relations "with the Zionist state" would not be "in the same category" as European nations that already had ties with both Israel and the Arabs: "If the Spanish state takes such a decision its results would be... negative (to) Arab-Spanish relations." The Arabs see Spanish-Israeli relations as international strife breaking-breaking Israel's "isolation" in Unesco and other world bodies.

NEVERTHELESS, Madrid clearly seeks what present Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja (an Arellano disciple) calls "the de-ideologization" of foreign policy. It seems clear that the once-timid voices in Spain urging diplomatic ties will ultimately win out — the question is when.

Mak Marín, president of the Judeo-Christian Friendship Society, says that relations would restore national dignity, and Spain's "black legend," and open possibilities for Spanish-Israeli scientific cooperation.

And a leading opposition Independent, lawyer Jose Maria Aznar, wrote in the monarchist Madrid daily "A.B.C.": "To recognize the Israeli reality is urgent. The two

countries in Europe that... recognized it are Spain and an ultra-communist nation... population is 50 per cent... But the main stumbling... the entire crisis, which... country's economy top... oil price-like severely... technocrat-engineered "econ... miracle," achieved in 1980-7... the growth rate, at 7 per cent... second only to Japan's. A 1979 surplus of \$500 million became... billion deficit, one of the large... the world.

In October, in order to trim... billion of bill, Madrid reduced... limits, ordered telev... transmissions to end by 11.30... and reduced the capital's night... illumination by half. Today the... in Spain falls darkly on the p... as does the shadow of the p... producing nations' oil and... trade links.

Spain is the Arab bloc's m... portant trading partner, second... to the U.S. It is involved from... over 500 million in its favo... with Saudi Arabia, over... a million. Spain's oil comes... from Saudi Arabia and Ku... the Arabs wished, they could... trade, cut off the oil, and... "liberation" movements in a... few remaining North Africa... possessions.

AFTER MR. NAVON met... Carlos he said he feared a... Spanish-Israeli relations "with... bit more." With high inflation... unemployment, and workers... ding higher wages Spain... damaging Arab backlash... some if it recognized Israel... wrong time."

The right time, knowledg... sources predict, could be... now-mooted Arab-Israeli talk... the talks go smoothly. But... stress that it is not the interna... press or pressure groups that... decide on the timing, but Spain...

Dry Bones



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JEWISH STUDENTS FROM ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — For several years now, Jewish students from abroad have been given grants to study at Israeli universities. They get a great deal without having to give anything in return. I wonder whether this is good policy?

I do not know what percentage of Jewish students from abroad have remained in the country and assumed all the duties of Israeli citizens after completing their studies, but my impression is that their numbers are small. And I ask myself, what can be the impact of this on Israeli youth? I mean, the realization that Jewish youth from abroad comes to Israel to get and not to give.

I have heard frequent complaints from Jewish students from abroad that local youth are not interested in them, and integration is consequent-

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